



Water/Wastewater Department Certifications

August 30, 2010

Just two years ago there were no Water/Wastewater Department personnel with Grade 2 certifications in all four of the categories that require certified operators by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). The Town system requires a minimum of a Grade 2 or Grade 3 ADEQ Certified Operator, depending on the category. As a result, the Town of Gila Bend had to hire outside consultants and certified operator personnel at an additional cost to the Town.

ADEQ certifications start at Grade 1, the lowest, up to a Grade 4, the highest certification. There are four categories that require ADEQ certification. The categories are: 1) Water Treatment, 2) Water Distribution, 3) Wastewater Treatment, and 4) Wastewater Collection. Those attempting to become certified must pass the ADEQ testing.

Currently, Lucas Thom, Water/Wastewater Operator, has Grade 3 ADEQ Certifications in all four categories. Kevin Larson, Assistant Water/Wastewater Operator, has a Grade 4 ADEQ Certification in Water Distribution and Grade 3 ADEQ Certifications in three categories. Part-time employee, Will Sipes, has Grade 1 ADEQ Certifications in all four categories. Their hard work and persistence has negated the need for outside consultants and operators, saving the Town thousands of dollars per year.

New Border Patrol Community Liaison

August 30, 2010



Manuel Gorriz is the new Border Patrol Community Liaison for the Gila Bend area. The Border Patrol has expressed some interest in locating a station in the Gila Bend area sometime in the future.

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Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC)

August 30, 2010



The Gila Bend Town Council approved Town membership into the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC). Gila Bend had been the only city or town in Maricopa County that was not a member.

GPEC was started in 1989 as a partnership between public and private sectors as an economic development tool. They are a 501c3 non-profit corporation dedicated to bringing quality companies that pay good wages to Maricopa County. They attract companies by utilizing several marketing techniques, including trade conferences and face-to-face selling. GPEC focuses on bringing industries involved in Aerospace/Aviation, Bioscience, and Sustainability, to name a few. So far, GPEC has brought over 412 companies to the greater Phoenix area.

Membership in GPEC means that Gila Bend will now be considered, along with other cities and towns in Maricopa County, as a location for new businesses looking to move or expand to Arizona. Membership gives the Town access to their networking opportunities, global research and marketing and the opportunity to utilize their resources to improve Gila Bends economy.

About GPEC faq. Retrieved August 31, 2010 from <http://www.gpec.org> website.

September 2010 Community Calendar

- 09/01/10 – Chamber of Commerce Meeting – 12:00 noon
- 09/03 - 06/10 – End of Season Pool Party
- 09/06/10 – Labor Day – Town office closed
- 09/11/10 – Punt, Pass & Kick
- 09/11/10 – Corine & Linda's Walk for Life
- 09/14/10 – Council Meeting – 6:00pm
- 09/18/10 – Karate Demonstration
- 09/28/10 – Council Meeting- 6:00 pm



Public Works Project Updates

August 31, 2010

Road Improvements



Wall St.



2nd Street



Cactus Asphalt laying asphalt on Papago

Several roads throughout town are being improved with new asphalt or millings. Cactus Asphalt has been busy laying asphalt on Warren, Richards, Papago, Capitol and Hunt and putting down millings on 1st and 2nd streets. The millings come from the Town's stockpile located by the Pioneer Cemetery. The millings will be rolled several times and oiled, making a much nicer driving surface for the residents.

Waterline & Fire Hydrant Project

The Waterline & Fire Hydrant Project is on schedule. To date there are 20 new fire hydrants installed. The majority of the Sellers & Sons crew is finishing up a project in Prescott but will be back in full force the week of September 5th. The Waterline & Fire Hydrant Project should be completed within a month of the crews return.

Landscape & Pedestrian Improvements

As you drive along Pima, you will notice that the Landscape & Pedestrian Improvements project is moving along. According to Jesus Baldenegro, Public Works Supervisor, all water connections are in and all of the intersections are now finished. Asphalt is being put down where necessary. The project should be completed by the month's end.

Parks & Recreation Happenings

August 30, 2010

New playground shades are being erected at Community Center Park. The work is being done by Sun State Recreation. The dugout block work is complete and fencing almost done. The Gila Bend Community Pool will be closed for the season following the End of Season Pool Party on September 3rd through the 6th.

8th Annual Desert Shrimp Fest

August 26, 2010

The Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Gila Bend are gearing up for this year's 8th Annual Desert Shrimp Fest, held the first full weekend in November. This year the festival will be held on Saturday, November 6th and Sunday, November 7th.

If you are interested in being involved with your community, volunteers are needed and welcomed. All volunteers earn money towards the charity of their choice. To learn more about volunteering or setting up a booth for the event, go to the Chamber of Commerce website at www.gilabendchamber.com or call the Town office at 928-683-2255.

Social Services News

August 30, 2010

A beginning Conversational English for the Workforce class is planned to start on September 8 at 3:00pm and continuing on the second Wednesday of the month. On September 22, a Resume Readiness class will begin at 3:00pm and continue on the fourth Wednesday of the month. A minimum of five people per class will be needed to continue them. If you need help with your Resume now, contact the CAP office at [928-683-2244](tel:928-683-2244) to request information on classes or resume' assistance.

Clerk's Corner

August 26, 2010

Thanks to everyone that came out to vote on Tuesday, August 24th.

A new POW/MIA flag is flying below the US flag on the pole in front of the Town office. A new law (A.R.S. 38-449) requires that every city and town fly the POW/MIA flag below the US Flag at their city or town hall. Arizona is the only state that mandates that the POW/MIA flag be flown at certain government buildings.